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First door north of Robinson & Ster-  
ett's hardware store.

LET all our citizens unite to push to  
a successful issue the gas well projct ct.  
You will never regret it.

We commence in this week's issue  
of the DEMOCRAT, a serial story en-  
titled "Adventures of Tad," which  
will prove a delight to our young read-  
ers.

It is said that it cost Jake Sharp  
\$77,000 to pay his expenses, lawyer's  
fees, etc., in trying to keep out of Sing  
Sing. But Jacob had to go, and the  
country will be none the looser.

The use of "cuss words" is a very  
bad habit and entirely out of place  
anywhere, unless it be in a newspaper  
office, where it is often found handy in  
making up the forms, reading proof, or  
deciphering poor manuscript.

A WHINING exchange says the democ-  
rats are trying to disorganize the  
Grand Army of the Republic. It looks  
more like the Grunting Army of Re-  
publicans were trying it, and succeed-  
ing very well, too. If the Grand  
Army is to be a political factor, as a  
Grand Army, we think the sooner it is  
disorganized the better it will be for  
our present form of government. The  
publisher of this paper does not believe  
the G. A. R. will submit to being  
manipulated by the republican party  
and used as a cat's paw with which  
to gather in the presidential chestnuts.

INTENSE, warm weather, such as we  
generally have this time of the year, is  
generally followed by a great deal of  
sickness, so say the medical fraternity.  
With this fact in view it is best to take  
all necessary precaution in order to  
avoid or lessen the danger impending.  
Great care should be taken that the  
sanitary condition of your houses and  
surroundings is in as perfect order as  
possible. Also, every person should  
look to their diet. The excessive use  
of ice water and other cold drinks is  
dangerous, as is also the taking of too  
much heavy food. If proper care is  
taken Great Bend should not have any  
unusual amount of illness.

Dewey Langford, of the Democrat,  
has sold his interest in the Graphic and  
Democrat to his partner, Mr. Stoke.  
Mr. Langford will retain his position,  
we understand, as editor of the Demo-  
crat for some months yet. We shall be  
sorry to see him retire permanently  
from journalism in Great Bend, but at  
the same time congratulate Mr. Stoke  
on being proprietor of two good news-  
papers.—Register.

We are under obligations to the Reg-  
ister for many favors in the past, and  
hope in the future to merit the es-  
teem of its publisher. While the re-  
quirements of a publisher are not un-  
known to us, we feel that we can profit  
greatly by the experience of older  
heads, and, with the assistance of our  
friends and patrons, succeed in mak-  
ing the GRAPHIC and DEMOCRAT valu-  
able publications.

Now that the general rains through-  
out this part of the state have assured  
the corn crop beyond a doubt, and our  
people have discovered that there is no  
possible chance of money being scarce  
the real estate market is beginning to  
pick up again. There could not be a  
better time than right now to push to  
a finish the project of boring for nat-  
ural gas. What this vicinity needs  
more than anything else is cheap fuel.  
No prospecting has ever been done in  
this part of the country for coal or  
gas, and no one knows what underlies  
these broad, rich lands. The farmers  
of Barton county have perseveringly  
plowed and dug upon the surface of  
the land until they have developed the  
fact that anything, almost, in the vege-  
table kingdom can be produced with  
the proper manipulation. In doing  
this they have risked their money and  
their muscle, and we now think the  
citizens of Great Bend should come  
willingly to the front and subscribe a  
sufficient fund to test thoroughly the  
question of whether or not we can get  
anything better than meat or drink out  
of this country. Think of what we  
gain should we get gas, or coal, or oil!  
With fuel, we would get large manu-  
factories; with manufactures we would  
get the necessities of life at a cheaper  
price and could sell the products of the  
soil at a better price. With an assured  
cheap fuel, we would draw into our  
midst millions and millions of dollars  
of eastern capital that now has no safe  
place of investment. Certainly there  
is a chance that what money we thus  
expend will be doubled and doubled  
again and again. No great benefit has  
ever been attained with risk being  
taken by someone. The gas fund has  
now reached a good round sum. Let  
us rush it right along and make an ef-  
fort to increase our present prosperity.

## GO A STEP FARTHER.

Some Reasons Why We Should  
Vote Bonds to the Midland  
& Western.

□ In procuring of this road, which is  
in fact, the Frisco road, we get the  
benefit of competition between it, the  
Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific.

It will bring us thousands of dollars  
worth of taxable property.

It will pay enough taxes in every  
township to almost run our public  
schools through the county.

It will make Barton one of the most  
favored counties in the state for rail-  
road facilities.

It will assist in building up a city of  
such proportions that the citizens of  
this city will consume the greater  
amount of the crop products of the  
county, and thus afford a near market  
and a sure one.

It will increase the value of every  
acre of land in Barton county, and will  
add only a small amount to the taxes.

It will pay in taxes half the amount  
of the bonds we issue, besides paying a  
large amount of school, general, con-  
tingent, bridge, and other county and  
township taxes.

Some short-sighted people are mak-  
ing a fight against the bonds, claiming  
that the road will be only a benefit to  
the towns and not to the farmers.  
They fail to understand the fact that  
only through the success of the farm-  
ers can the town hope to be prosper-  
ous, and that if the voting of bonds to  
this railroad would be an injury, or a  
detrimet to the farmer, the citizens  
of the town would be the first to see it.  
The great trouble among those who are  
fighting the bonds is, that they appear  
to hold the idea that the citizens of the  
towns are always trying to ruin the  
farmers. Anyone who will look at  
both sides of the question calmly will  
certainly see that in any agricultural  
country the best interests of the farm-  
er are the best interests of the town  
people.

## Shall we Have a Fair?

IT HAS been suggested by a number  
of our people that we have a Barton  
County Agricultural exhibit and a  
speed exhibition this fall. As we un-  
derstand it, the county commissioners  
are empowered to appropriate at least  
\$500 out of the county general fund for  
agricultural fair purposes. With this  
amount as a starter an organization  
could be easily formed, a catalogue  
gotten out, and we believe every citi-  
zen in the county would contribute a  
mite to making a good exhibit. There  
are a number of men throughout the  
county who have valuable blooded stock  
which we believe they would be glad to  
exhibit, even though the premiums of-  
fered might be merely nominal.

In the matter of the speed ring, we  
know of several gentlemen in this city,  
and doubtless there are others through-  
out the county, who have horses which  
would make a good record. L. P. Aber  
and J. Chappel have a team and D. N.  
Heizer has a team, these two teams  
being handled by Mr. Aber. Henry  
Moss and John Teskey each have  
young horses under the skillful man-  
agement of Mr. D. H. McCord; Jake  
Miller and Thomas Moore each have  
horses which they handle themselves.  
It would be well for our people to dis-  
cuss this matter and see if it will not  
be profitable to the city and county to  
organize and hold a fair this fall.

A GENTLEMAN friend tells us of  
having seen, on last Saturday night, or  
rather about 3 o'clock Saturday morn-  
ing, something curious about the  
appearance of the moon. A descrip-  
tion of this phenomenon, as near as  
we can give it without a diagram is as  
follows: There were two pretty straight  
bars of light crossing at right angles  
just at the lower edge of the moon.  
The perpendicular bar ran up from the  
upper point of the moon to a distance  
of what looked to be some 300 yards  
while the lower end extended to the  
horizon. The horizontal bar extended  
to a long distance on each side, cross-  
ing the other on the face of the moon  
just about the middle of the curve  
made by the outer line of the moon.  
We are curious to get a solution of  
this phenomenon.

There is one thing we think should  
be looked after that appears has not  
had proper attention. We refer to the  
putting down of stone walks on Main  
street. The grade should be observed  
in all cases, and instead of having two  
or three "jogs" or offsets in a block  
the walk should present an even, un-  
broken surface. This may appear a  
small matter to speak of, but it is one  
of the small things that add to or de-  
tract from the attractions of a city.

Is KANSAS making a record in the  
financial world which we can look to  
with pride? We should say she is.  
The total value of the gold and silver  
products of the mines in this coun-  
try for the year 1886 was \$89,000,000.  
The total value of Kansas farm pro-  
ducts for the same year, \$120,000,000,  
or 40 per cent. more than the total  
mine products for the whole United  
States for the same period.

The large-headed farmers who had  
faith in Kansas and went steadily on  
with their corn planting and brier-  
cutting, are now receiving their re-  
ward, while the fellows who squirted  
tobacco juice through their teeth, and  
cursed the sand storms; will probably  
wear linen pants next winter and visit  
some of our prosperous cities for the  
purpose of learning free lunch routes.

## Sunday's News in Brief.

The train carrying the President's  
party from Clayton to Alden Creek, N.  
Y., barely escaped disaster. A driv-  
ing rod broke on the engine, killing the  
engineer, but not derailing the train.  
Three men were nearly roasted alive  
in the Union Steel works, Chicago, by  
pouring hot metal into a wet mould.

Jean P. Squeet, at Milwaukee, was  
sentenced to life imprisonment for  
murdering his wife fourteen years ago.  
A scheme by the Hungarian strikers  
at Greensburg, Pa., to murder the  
Pinkerton detectives and compel new  
men to quit work, was given away by  
one of the Hungarians who weakened.  
The number killed at the St. Thom-  
as, Ont., railroad disaster is placed at  
19, and the seriously injured over 40.  
The bursting of an oil tank set fire to  
numerous buildings, entailing a loss of  
some \$500,000.

Down at Peabody last week a stroke  
of lightning gave 6,000 silk worms the  
cramp colic to such an extent that they  
"struck" and refused to eat. The  
mortality has been great.

"Our folks in the South," said Rep-  
resentative Crisp, of Georgia, "are all  
for Cleveland and the old flag. Not  
these battle flags, but the old flag of  
the Union. God knows we don't want  
the battle flags. We are too busy to  
waste time in old issues of that sort."

Since "the rascals" were turned out,  
March 4, 1865, and honest democrats  
put in charge of the government, the  
public debt has been reduced, to July  
1st, \$263,884,946 55. That's the kind  
of "ruination" the people of this  
country like and they will decree for  
more of it.

Mrs. Morgan Caraway is visiting  
her parents at Greensburg, Ind.  
The walls of the Fair block are  
now completed to the first story.

A train-dispatcher's office is now  
being erected just east of the Santa  
Fe depot.

Dr. G. G. Davidson has moved  
into the front office over G. N. & E.  
R. Moses' store.

We learn that one of Mr. C. C.  
Wolf's children is very ill, at Chicago,  
where they were compelled to stop on  
their way to Mansfield, Ohio.

General Richard Rowett, who  
dropped dead on a Chicago race  
course a day or so ago, upon one of  
his horses being beaten in a race, is  
well known to a great number of our  
G. A. R. boys here.

All voters who have not registered  
since the 1st of January, or who have  
changed wards since the last election,  
should call at the county superinten-  
dent's office where deputy city clerk  
Ed. Buckland can be found, and  
proceed to register.

A report has gained circulation  
that an old gentleman named Gardin-  
ier, who recently came here from the  
east, had some \$1,200 taken from  
under his wife's pillow one night a  
week or so since. The affair has been  
kept quiet probably in the hope of  
catching the thief. \$800 of the money  
was in \$100 bills and the balance in  
\$20 bills.

The Kingman Courier says: "The  
rustler will play on a golden harp and  
wear a laurel, too, while the kicker  
will hang on a butcher's hook, and  
kick in the blazes blue." We will  
add: The advertiser will climb on  
high, and walk the streets of gold,  
while the chump who don't advertise  
will fry in that place where it don't  
grow cold.

The less a man eats the better he  
feels this sort of weather.

Major Stanton and wife, of Center-  
ville, Iowa, are visiting with the fam-  
ily of J. R. Hays.

M. L. McIntosh will shortly start  
a branch store at the new town of  
Seward, Stafford county.

Mrs. Jessie C. Smith, an accom-  
plished music teacher, of Pueblo,  
Col., is visiting in our city.

Persons wanting to take boarders  
during the normal institute should  
leave word at the county superinten-  
dent's office.

Messrs. Edwin Tyler and John W.  
Brown have formed a partnership in  
the loan business, with office over the  
New York store.

Mr. Parlin has had his hedge trim-  
med and the weeds cut from about his  
premises, which adds greatly to the  
neatness of his home.

The boy stood on the burning deck,  
all dressed in navy blue, while his  
girl, who hung on his willing neck,  
said: "Is it hot enough for you?"

An exchange says a man who  
would suicide in this sort of weather  
would be very foolish indeed, for he  
would be simply jumping from the  
frying pan into the fire.

We will give, as a premium for the  
largest watermelon brought to this  
office between now and the 1st of  
September, one year's subscription to  
the BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT.

County Superintendent Wolfe and  
family are on a visit to Mansfield,  
Ohio. Mr. Wolfe will attend the  
National Educational Association and  
Exhibit at Chicago, before returning  
home.

Police-Judge Odell has been giving  
particular attention to the lawless el-  
ement recently. His latest act of  
merit was the ridding the city of a  
house of questionable repute, which  
has been open to the public down  
near the depot.

Jos. Ripkin was bound over by  
Squire Whiteman, of Fairview town-  
ship, in the sum of \$1,000, to answer  
to the charge of shooting with intent  
to kill one Grant Chrisman. It ap-  
pears that the man, Chrisman, was go-  
ing across the fields with a gun in his  
hands, when Pipkin came out of his  
house with a gun also, and when  
Chrisman ran Pipkin shot at him, the  
shot, as Chaisman claims, scattering  
all around him. We did not learn  
what neighborhood trouble brought  
about the shooting.

The subscription of stock to the  
gas-well enterprise is coming on  
nicely. Let every enterprising, pub-  
lic-spirited person in Great Bend and  
vicinity join in and push to successful  
issue this project. Success in this  
will bring a boom to our town and  
county to which other Kansas booms  
are but mere bubbles. Our chances  
are even, at least, for striking it rich,  
and if so, share-holders in the com-  
pany will have a bonanza scarcely  
less valuable than California's gold  
and silver mines.

The following from an exchange we  
think will have a local application, and  
is respectfully referred to all whom it  
may concern:

"The day is approaching, oh, kick-  
ers, beware! When the scalp of the  
croakers will fly in the air, and this  
chump ridden country will rise like a  
wave and brush from its bosom the  
howler and knave; then the man who  
arises to hinder a boom, will be  
wrapped in a coffin and laid in the  
tomb."

Boys, loosen up the puckering  
strings of your pantaloons, rustle  
around and gather in a few nickles;  
get a job of cutting weeds for some  
public spirited citizen and prepare  
for the coming feast. The returns  
now coming from the rural precincts  
crop this year. We heard one farmer  
say to-day that he had some melons  
already as large as a wooden pail.  
No, boys, we won't tell you where  
this farmer lives, besides he keeps a  
bull-dog and a shot gun loaded with  
salt.

Mrs. Mahala Allison is reported as  
quite ill.

Mrs. T. J. Flint returned to Ness  
City Saturday, after a visit of a week  
to relatives here.

We are informed that there will be  
another first-class dry-goods store  
opened out here shortly.

The Kingman Courier says they  
are going to have gas if they have to  
go through to China for it.

W. F. Moore, of the firm of Pal-  
mer & Moore, has the frame up for a  
neat cottage on West Broadway.

J. Frank Smith, wife and family,  
of Arkansas City, are in the city  
visiting the families of S. H. Moss  
and A. S. Allen.

MARRIED—By Probate Judge Ogle,  
at his office, on Thursday, July 14th,  
1887, Mr. Orrin Reynolds to Miss  
Ida Cutler, both of this county.

Every store room in town that is  
in condition for occupancy is now  
either occupied or already leased, and  
demands are constantly made for  
more.

Mrs. W. H. Meacham and her  
daughter, Mrs. Maud Clayton, left  
Saturday on a hasty visit to relatives  
in Illinois, they being called there  
upon information of the illness of  
Mrs. Meacham's mother.

Are you going to build? If so,  
the quicker you get at it the better.  
If there is a demand for buildings  
now, at the dull season of the year,  
how are we going to meet the de-  
mand in the fall, when the usual rush  
commences? The rush this fall will  
not be a "usual" one, but an unusual  
one. We make the prediction that  
there will be a greater demand for  
houses this fall than ever before in  
the history of Barton county.

Would it not be a good plan to es-  
tablish a market place at some con-  
venient point in the city, where all  
kinds of produce that is brought into  
the city could be exhibited. It would  
result in a benefit to farmers by en-  
abling them to sell to the citizens di-  
rect, and would be a great conveni-  
ence to the city in keeping our main  
streets free from wagons, and in gath-  
ering all kinds of market produce  
into one spot, so that when we wished  
to buy direct from the farmer we  
would not have to run all over the  
town to hunt up what we wanted.

Mr. C. M. Smith, who is home on  
a short visit, tells of a collision on  
the Missouri Pacific at Hoisington  
Saturday evening. It appears the  
passenger train had just pulled in,  
when a freight engine ran squarely  
into the passenger engine, demolish-  
ing both engines, but doing no harm  
to anyone beside a general shake-up  
and a few bruises. Mr. Smith had  
just arisen from his seat and was  
thrown forward onto the seat in front,  
striking with force as to mash out of  
usefulness a silver spectacle-case  
which he had in his breast pocket,  
and which, doubtless, saved him from  
getting a broken rib.

We buried him gladly in broad  
daylight, the sods with our spades  
upturning; and our voices were glad  
and our faces were bright, though  
the summer sun was burning. He  
had been a good father, he had been  
a good friend, he had done no neigh-  
bor a wrong; if you wanted a dollar  
he had it to lend, and his help to the  
weak was strong. He talked for his  
town and worked for it too, and swore  
by it when the need came, he had  
stood by his country, its Red White  
and Blue, and defended it through  
blood and fame. No man in the city  
beloved more than he when the bleak  
winds of winter swept by, for storms  
could not daunt him nor cause him to  
flee from the path where he saw duty  
lie. But when summer came and  
made life a task to endure the sun's  
withering ray, he could not resist the  
temptation to say, "Is it hot enough  
for you to-day?"—We do not know  
where his bright spirit may dwell  
since we slugged him and laid him  
away; perhaps he's in heaven; perhaps  
he's in —well, perhaps its hot  
enough for him to-day!—Paola Times.